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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SACRAMENTO DIVISION**

WESLEY RENE BEKKER EVANS,)	Case No.: 2:22-cv-00506-AC (SS)
Plaintiff,)	STIPULATION FOR THE AWARD AND
vs.)	PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES AND
KILOLO KIJAKAZI,)	EXPENSES PURSUANT TO THE EQUAL
Acting Commissioner of Social Security,)	ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT, 28 U.S.C. §
Defendant.)	2412(d); [PROPOSED] ORDER

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between the parties through their undersigned counsel, subject to the approval of the Court, that Plaintiff be awarded attorney fees and expenses in the amount of SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$6,500.00) under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d). This amount represents compensation for all legal services rendered on behalf of Plaintiff by counsel in connection with this civil action, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d).

After the Court issues an order for EAJA fees to Plaintiff, the government will consider the matter of Plaintiff's assignment of EAJA fees to counsel, if any. Pursuant to *Astrue v. Ratliff*,

560 U.S. 586, 598 (2010), the ability to honor any assignment will depend on whether the fees are subject to any offset allowed under the United States Department of the Treasury's Offset Program. After the order for EAJA fees is entered, the government will determine whether they are subject to any offset.

Fees shall be made payable to Plaintiff, but if the Department of the Treasury determines that Plaintiff does not owe a federal debt, then the government shall cause the payment of fees, expenses and costs to be made directly to counsel, Francesco Benavides, pursuant to the assignment executed by Plaintiff. Any payments made shall be delivered to counsel, Francesco Benavides.

This stipulation constitutes a compromise settlement of Plaintiff's request for EAJA attorney fees, and does not constitute an admission of liability on the part of Defendant under the EAJA or otherwise. Payment of the agreed amount shall constitute a complete release from, and bar to, any and all claims that Plaintiff and/or counsel including counsel's firm may have relating to EAJA attorney fees or costs in connection with this action.

This award is without prejudice to the rights of counsel and/or counsel's firm to seek Social Security Act attorney fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b), subject to the savings clause provisions of the EAJA.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 21, 2022

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Date: October 21, 2022

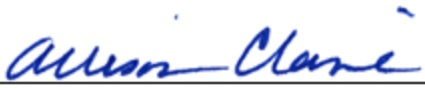
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6 **[PROPOSED] ORDER**

7 Based upon the parties' Stipulation for the Award and Payment of Equal Access to
8 Justice Act Fees and Expenses, IT IS ORDERED that fees and expenses in the amount of
9 \$6,500.00 as authorized by 28 U.S.C. § 2412 be awarded subject to the terms of the Stipulation.
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11 Dated: October 24, 2022

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13 ALLISON CLAIRE
14 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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